

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2006, in which claims 60 and 63 were rejected, claims 62 and 65 were indicated as being allowable, and claims 19-22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 42, 43, 49, 50, 69, 70, and 72 were allowed. With this amendment, claims 62 and 65 are amended, and 60 and 63 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present Application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

I. Allowed Subject Matter

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 19-22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 42, 43, 49, 50, 69, 70, and 72 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance and have not amended the allowed claims.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 62 and 65 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 62 and 65 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim (there are no intervening claims). In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 62 and independent claim 65 are allowable.

Applicants have cancelled claims 60 and 63 without prejudice to obtain timely issuance of a patent containing claims reciting subject matter that the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Applicants wish to make it unmistakably clear that Applicants do not agree to or acquiesce in the rejection of the cancelled claims and/or agree with the Examiner's view of the view of the scope and content of the prior art.

III. Conclusion

Claims 19-22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 42, 43, 49, 50, 62, 65, 69, 70, and 72 are pending in the present Application. Applicants believe that the present Application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the Application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner needs anything or if a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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